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1. CALENDAR YEAR 1976 MALTA TRADE FIGURES INDICATE THAT MALTA'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO U.S. INCREASED TO LM1.1 MILLION, ' SOME 300 PERCENT OVER TOTAL 1975 EXPORTS OF LM360,000. INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS WHICH REGISTERED TPA LARGEST INCREASES WERE ARTICLES OF RUBBER - LM312,896 (LHW172,723 IN CY 75); LEATHER AND FUR CLOTHING - LM121,810 (LM73,555); PLASTIC ARTICLES LM83,590 (LM932); PLASTIC TOYS, TOY TELEPHONES AND WALKIE TALKIES - LM431,142 (LM21,287). PRELIMINARY VIEWS OF GOM OFFICIALS INDICATE MOST OF THIS INCREASE IN MALTESE EXPORTS TO U.S. IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INTRODUITION OF THE U.S. GSP IN LATE 1975.

2. MALTESE OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN REPORT O PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH GSP. HOWEVER, THERE IS CONCERN THAT THE U.S. MIGHT RESTRICT THE IMPORTATION OF FOOTWEAR, AN ITEM FOR WHICH PRODUCTION HAS RECENTLY BEEN INCREASED CONSIDERABLY. ACCORDING TO GOM OFFICIALS, THE
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BENEFITS OF THE U.S. GSP, COMPARED TO PREFERENTIAL SYSTEMS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, BECAME EVIDENT IN A MUCH SHORTER TIME. DESPITE THE MALTESE SUCCESS WITH GSP, NO KNOWN NEW INVESTMENT TO BENEFIT FROM THE U.S. GSP HAS BEEN MADE OR IS PLANNED.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE.

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